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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Few issues confronting school district officials, teachers, students, and parents are as significant as school safety; and

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WHEREAS, Every student and teacher has the right to attend a school that is safe and secure, one that is free of fear and conducive to learning; and

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WHEREAS, School safety awareness is essential, as well as strategic planning and communication among State officials, school officials, teachers, the Department of State Police, local law enforcement, and communities; and

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WHEREAS, The State of Illinois lacks a comprehensive school safety protocol that not only prepares schools to respond to a crisis situation, but also instills prevention tools to impede violent incidents from occurring; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the State Board of Education undertake the development of a comprehensive model protocol for school districts in this State to enhance violence response and prevention; and be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education shall (i) study
2 school safety best practices that create a safe learning
3 environment; (ii) investigate school district building
4 communication protocols when teachers, students, and other
5 school personnel have been threatened directly or indirectly;
6 (iii) review current State laws, rules, and policies for
7 obsolete or inefficient safe school practices and ensure that
8 any school safety laws, rules, regulations, and policies are
9 consistent with local law enforcement recommendations; (iv)
10 review other states' actions on school safety protocols; and
11 (v) propose a comprehensive model of school district safety
12 protocols to the General Assembly and any related statutory
13 recommendations; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education shall file a
15 report of its findings and recommendations with the General
16 Assembly on or before January 15, 2008.